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Diane Stamp builds a bird box with her granddaughter Raine Dovell at the Bird Box Building workshop on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery in Haliburton. See more on page 14. /DARREN LUM Staff

Tough choices ahead on maintaining public docks

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The potentially costly future of Algonquin Highlands' multiple docks and landings came up during budget conversations last week.

Township councillors held 2020 budget talks on Feb. 19 and 20 and were scheduled to continue those deliberations this week. With some \$5.5 million to be levied through taxation, the first draft budget included a tax levy increase of 5.83 per cent, equating to a residential tax rate increase of 3.39 per cent. This would mean an increase in property taxes of \$10.70 for every \$100,000 of assessment over 2019 levels for the lower-tier portion of residents' tax bills. However, council is attempting to reduce that figure during their budget discussions.

"Staff brought us a terrific budget however there are still more projects that need doing

than there is money with which to do them," Mayor Carol Moffatt told the *Times*. "I've asked council to find roughly \$150,000 in the budget but it's tough going."

There was significant conversation regarding the township's docks and landings during council's Feb. 20 meeting. Algonquin Highlands owns 27 docks and landings, which range from systems including multiple docks to ramps made from gravel and sand.

"They all need assistance, they all need continued work," Moffatt said. "This is one of those tough-time conversations about service levels."

One major project that will proceed in 2020 is the replacement of a retaining wall at the township's Hardwood Lake landing. It's the recommendation of parks, rec and trails director Chris Card that the lumber structure be replaced with a stone one that will last 75 years, as opposed to the 15 or 20 years

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Insurance payout doesn't cover cost of log chute repairs

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While the Township of Algonquin Highlands is receiving insurance money for the damaged Hawk Lake log chute, the amount does not cover the costs of replacing the structure, and the township's insurance company will no longer insure it.

The issue of the chute, which was badly

damaged by flooding in May of 2017, came up during the course of council's budget discussions on Feb. 20. The township's insurance provider will pay \$215,000 for the damages, "and then has advised that it won't insure it anymore," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

"We know to rebuild it as is, is just under \$500,000," Moffatt said, unless some sort of fundraising campaign was devised.

The topic of the chute emerged as see CHUTE page 2

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Council may draw on surplus

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provided by another wooden structure. However, that project would drain the nearly \$110,000 in the township's docks and landings reserve, as well as require an additional \$32,000.

"And that leaves zero to go ahead with the other 26 [docks and landings]," Moffatt said.

It was the suggestion of interim treasurer Tammy McKelvey that the reserve not be depleted, and for at least a portion of the project's cost to come from the township's 2019 surplus. The township accrued a surplus of approximately \$265,000 for 2019, which a report from McKelvey indicated came largely from staffing vacancies within the township last year. While the surplus is scheduled to be transferred to the township's working funds reserve, McKelvey told councillors last week the surplus could be a helpful source of funding for one-time expenditures during the budgeting process.

Card told councillors that many of the township's docks and landings are in need of serious repair.

"A lot of them should have been replaced 15 or 20 years ago," he said. Card also indicated that many of the boat ramps in the township had been constructed to accommodate fishing boats, not the larger power boats many residents have today. Not all boat launches have the grade required to accommodate larger boats, and Card suggested that a broader review of Algonquin Highlands' docks and landings may be required at some point, and also suggested the possible idea of signage indicating maximum boat lengths for certain launches.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said she thought it was important for the township to continue to maintain its docks and landings.

"We are a cottage community, we are a lakefront waterfront community, these are the needs of our people," Dailloux said. She suggested the possibility of cost-sharing arrangements with property owners' associations as a means of dealing with the issue.

Other highlights of the draft budget include a geotechnical study to address slumping sections of North Shore Road; potential reconstruction projects along Buckslide and Braeloch Roads; the expansion of the parking lot along Little Hawk Lake Road; and the completion of a new municipal asset management plan.

"We're taking a hard look at what's necessary and what could be considered discretionary, although discretionary certainly is subjective," Moffatt told the *Times*. "We're looking at service levels, programming, and future capital needs such as fire trucks, the replacement schedule of which is out of our hands."

The replacement schedules for emergency vehicles is governed by provincially-mandated asset management plans.

"We have a public works garage that has a bathroom in the office and hardly enough room for staff to turn around in, let alone work safely and effectively in," Moffatt told the paper. "There are 27 public docks and landings that all need attention, landfills that need expanding and roads that need desperate repair. This is the usual stuff of municipal budgeting and we've always done a good job of balancing it all. However, we've seen a frustrating uptick in tender prices, legislative changes that could further affect us, and an increase in user needs as more people move here permanently."

Algonquin Highlands councillors were scheduled to continue their budget deliberations on Feb. 25.

Dorset museum committee to fundraise shortfall on expansion

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

During their Feb. 20 meeting, Algonquin Highlands council approved an expansion of the Dorset Heritage Museum, a project that will cost significantly more than initially anticipated.

As previously reported, during a January council meeting, park, rec and trails director Chris Card told councillors there was a shortfall of nearly \$75,000 for the construction of a 960-square-foot addition to the museum after bids for the project came in much higher than expected.

Last year, the township was successful in obtaining a \$150,000 capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation toward the project, and the plan was that the rest of the money would be fundraised. It was anticipated the total price tag would be \$270,000.

However, the two bids the township received were for \$393,500 and \$483,000, respectively. A report from Card showed that, were council to accept the lower bid, along with engineering, project oversight and contingency costs, the total estimated cost for the project is now just more than \$525,000.

With the \$150,000 grant, a \$32,000 transfer from general reserves, a \$185,000 transfer from the special projects reserve, \$35,000 from the anticipated 2019 surplus and \$50,000 in anticipated donations through a fundraising group for the museum, there would still be a shortfall of more than \$73,300.

A condition of the OTF grant is that the project must be completed by September.

"I think we need to have a very serious conversation about tenders for projects on municipal property and who has the authority to manage them," Mayor Carol Moffatt had said during the January meeting. Bracebridge-based Granite Engineering Services had completed the initial drawings for the project, and Card told councillors the museum committee had also used Granite to draw up the tender.

While the township asked the lower of the two bidders to come back with figures for a project of revised scope, that change would have resulted in savings of just more than \$6,000.

"The estimated savings are considerably less than what was desirable given the change in scope" read a report from Card that councillors received last week. "The total estimated savings are relatively negligible given the overall project cost of \$525,552."

Ultimately, councillors agreed to proceed with the project as initially designed, with the understanding that the museum committee is to repay the township for the shortfall over time.

"I feel that it's still appropriate for us to front those funds to get the project going, and then have, as has been written in the report, an agreed schedule of repayment," said Councillor Jennifer Dailloux.

"As we've said before, if anybody can fundraise, it's the folks in Dorset," said Moffatt.

"I think we said at the very beginning that we were fairly shocked at the cost of this," she added. "Feels like we're stuck."

Council agreed to proceed with the project in its initial scope.



A snow-covered Hawk Lake log chute on Feb. 20. While the Township of Algonquin Highlands is receiving insurance money for the chute, which was damaged by flooding in 2017, it won't be enough to replace the structure. The township's insurer will no longer insure the chute. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Chute damaged by flooding in 2017

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councillors discussed \$10,800 that had been included in the township's 2020 draft budget for design services for upgrades to a small park located at the log chute site, along Big Hawk Lake Road.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she thought the park was in need of the work.

"We're not using the park, and there's some real issues with that park . . . I would hate to see us not do something there," Danielsen said.

While Moffatt said she agreed there needed to be improvements made to the park, she said she didn't think that made sense so long as the log chute remained damaged.

"I think this needs to be a bigger conversation," Moffatt

said, adding that until there was a fulsome conversation about the issue of the log chute itself, that the funds allotted for the design work in the draft budget could be used elsewhere.

"To me, that's too much money when we're looking for money," she said, with council ultimately agreeing that the money would be better spent elsewhere for the year.

In her pre-political life, Moffatt oversaw the reconstruction of the log chute in the early 2000s, a project that took six years to complete. It was a re-creation of the structure that has existed at the site since 1861.

During the logging boom of the 19th century, the log chute was used to pass timber from the Hawk lakes into the Kennisis River, which flows into Halls Lake, where a sawmill once existed.

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Passion for social justice fuels new YWCA director's work

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's been a full-circle journey for Kim Dolan, the new executive director of the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, as she takes over the helm of the organization where she began her career in social services and advocacy more than 30 years ago.

"It was my first really serious job," Dolan says. "I was hired to work front-line at the Crossroads Shelter."

The shelter is a YWCA-operated facility for women and children fleeing violence. That was in the late 1980s, and much of Dolan's career has focused on a quest to eliminate violence against women and children.

"I did a lot of community development and health promotion," Dolan says. She would work with the YWCA for eight years, eventually graduating to a supervisory role, and then being laid off during the Harris government years of the mid-1990s. Shortly after, she was hired by Women's Resources Kawartha Lakes where she was shelter and outreach co-ordinator.

From there, Dolan was hired as executive director of PARN (Peterborough AIDS Resource Network) in 2003, where she worked on a variety of programming including some dedicated to women with HIV, as well as advocating for stronger local response to HIV and Hepatitis C.

"We know that Kim's decision was thoughtfully considered," reads a statement from PARN. "Kim will leave PARN with many successes and the awareness that now, more than ever, there is much to be done in our quest for healthy, inclusive communities. We sincerely thank her for her contributions over the past 16 years and wish her all the best in her future endeavours."

A release from the YWCA welcomes Dolan, calling her a thoughtful and visionary leader.

"... Kim has deep connections to our community and the feminist movement," it reads. "In her role as Executive



Kim Dolan, the new executive director of the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, is seen in this file photo presenting a plaque to the co-ordinator of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy (not pictured).

Director at PARN for the last 13 years, Kim has helped build a framework for strengthening the local response to HIV and Hepatitis C. Kim also worked at YWCA Crossroads Shelter and other YWCA programs prior to joining PARN. She is passionate about social justice and knows what it means to help empower the disenfranchised to find their voice."

Dolan says her lifelong interest in social justice came from her parents.

"My mom always liked to say that she rooted for the underdog," Dolan says, adding that her father encouraged his children to develop critical thinking when it came to social issues. "Sunday night dinners with my mom and dad were pretty vibrant."

"I appreciate the incredible communities we live and work and play and love in," Dolan says of her new position at the YWCA, adding she hopes to continue to help shape those communities into ones that are inclusive and safe.

The YWCA Peterborough Haliburton operates a number of programs and facilities throughout the region, including the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS) for women and children fleeing violence.

Dolan became the organization's lead earlier this month, taking over from longtime director Lynn Zimmer who retired late last year.

Times nominated in newspaper contest

A story on Minden's Cat Angels in the *Minden Times* has placed in the top three of the feature writing category in this year's Better Newspapers Competition run by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. Written by Sue Tiffin, the article is nominated in the feature writing category for papers with a circulation of 9,999 or below.

Tiffin also received an honourable mention for her story on the Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club in the sports and recreation story category.

Times and *Haliburton Echo* journalist Darren Lum is nominated for Photographer of the Year for his work and also received an honourable mention for his photo in the *Haliburton Echo* from the groundbreaking ceremony of the Hydro One expansion project on County Road 21.

Steve Galea is nominated for Humour Columnist of the Year for his work in the *Haliburton Echo*. Jenn Watt's article on the mural project at Highland Wood received an honourable mention in the arts and entertainment category.

Nominations were released on Feb. 14 and the first, second and third placements will be revealed at a gala event in Vaughan on April 3.

Grad/prom clothing event moving to Lochlin

This year's Make Dreams Come True is returning to where it all started six years ago: the Lochlin Community Centre.

Organizer Jenn Abbott said this location is more convenient to her as a mother with children and a new baby.

The giveaway event is open to Grade 8 grads and students going to prom. It offers nearly everything a person could need for a formal ensemble for free.

Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the days for the giveaways are April 18 and May 16 at the community centre, located at 4713 Gelert Road, Minden.

For further information, contact Jenn Abbott at 705-455-3323.



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Feb 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Mar 12 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

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**Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of
July, August and December**

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Are you a student looking for a great summer job? The Township of Minden Hills is currently accepting resumes for Summer Students for our Minden Hills Cultural Centre as Heritage Interpreters.

These positions are for a 16 week period from May to August with the rate of pay being \$14/hour, pending 2020 budget and grant funding approval.

Please visit our website at www.minden hills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for posting details, job requirements and submission instructions, or email sprentice@minden hills.ca

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The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Community Centre Fundraising Working Group (CCFWG)

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This is an open call for applications until membership is filled.

For more information, please contact Vicki Bull, Clerk at
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Application Forms are available online at
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CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cemetery Advisory Board which governs the operations of the cemeteries located within the boundaries of Minden Hills and which are owned by or fall under the responsibility of the municipality.

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Cemetery Board Advisory Committee Application

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RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Food-grade Styrofoam such as meat trays and coffee cups are recyclable in Minden Hills. Remove plastic wrap and absorbent pads, rinse and bundle all Styrofoam in one bag then place with your paper recycling. Check out minden hills.ca/landfill for more recycling tips!



DID YOU KNOW

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is offering Half Day March Break Camps for children and Afternoon Open Studio Sessions for all ages during the March Break. Visit www.minden hills.ca/events/ for more information.

Strikes have ripple effects across county

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Phase six of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario job action was announced Feb. 24 offering a reprieve from strike action but noting teachers will do only their scheduled teaching and supervision assignments during their regular instruction time, and will not cover for absent colleagues if a supply teacher is not available. The next phase of strike protocol will begin March 9 if a deal has not yet been made between the ETFO and the provincial government.

The announcement of escalating job action for the country's largest education union comes after Ontario's entire public school system, including all seven schools in Haliburton County, closed down Friday, Feb. 21 when teachers and education workers representing the province's four major education unions walked off the job together after weeks of rotating strikes due to stalled negotiations with the province.

Nearly 200,000 teachers and education workers were all on the picket lines on Friday, some joining together in mass rallies, after discussions between unions and the government broke down. The province-wide strike marks the first time since 1997 that members of all four major education unions have walked out on the same day.

Issues important to ETFO include protecting the kindergarten program, teacher compensation, smaller class sizes, and resources for students with special needs, while issues identified by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation as important in their negotiations include class sizes, mandatory e-learning, and teacher compensation.

"Our ETFO members have made tremendous sacrifices to be on the picket line fighting for our world class education system," Karen Bratina, ETFO representative for TLDSB, told the *Times*. "They are strong, they are encouraged and even more determined in holding this government accountable for their cuts to education. The resolve remains strong and they are very much appreciative of the support received from community businesses, community members and parents."

Bratina said teachers have been encountering support from others "at the gas station, grocery stores, liquor stores, general store as well," with employees at these businesses asking for buttons or offering their support, while parents and community members have been delivering homemade cookies and squares as well as hot drinks. Businesses and community buildings around Archie Stouffer Elementary School, including the library, have allowed those on the strike lines to use washrooms, parking lots and inside space in order to warm up.

"When speaking with people in the community they give their support to teachers and encouragement to fight against what the government is trying to do," said Bratina. "Last Thursday an elderly couple stopped and gave a teacher money to buy coffee/doughnuts from Tim's. The teacher didn't want to take the money but they were adamant. Students and retired teachers come with goodies, hot beverages and support. Some have brought their own signs and walked with us, some have written letters to newspapers."

Colin Matthew, president of OSSTF District 15, told the *Times* he has visited picket lines on each of the strike days, and said: "Educators would rather be in class but they are resolved to fight the cuts Doug Ford has imposed through regulation going back to March 15, 2019 and want to negotiate a deal that protects public education." Like Bratina, he noted that people have brought food and warm drinks to the strike



Teachers all over Ontario walked the picket lines on Feb. 21. Local high school and elementary school teachers and supporters came together for a photo outside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

line, have expressed their support while driving by and those walking the line have been offered washroom access, warming spots and donations of food from local businesses.

"The support from individuals and businesses has been overwhelming," he said. "If there's a bright spot it's that the public understands the importance of the issue and seems to be joining us in protecting public education."

Parents working around disruption

Friday's strike resulted in more than two million students in the province – including 1,556 students in Haliburton County and 15,743 in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board – being out of class. ETFO, representing approximately 90 elementary teachers in Haliburton, has held six strike days since January thus far, while approximately 50 teachers and professional staff representing HHSS, AETC and virtual learning teachers have participated in four rotating strike days since December.

Emily Thackeray, who works at Minden Animal Hospital and has two elementary school-aged children, said her employer has been "very understanding," as Thackeray and her co-workers manage different schedules on strike days.

"We (mostly) all have children and some of us need to wait on child care opening, or understanding that we may need to be travelling out of our way to drop them off to family members, sometimes setting us back from being to work on time," she said.

Thackeray works full-time and her husband Mike Fisher operates his own business. "Scheduling has been an issue between figuring out who can watch the kids while working – daycare, grandparents, dad ... while all trying to schedule around other appointments," she said, noting it hasn't been easy to manage. "There has been lots of picking up/dropping off kids mid-day during these strike days ... The stressful part is making sure everyone [in the family] knows what's happening on any given strike day."

Jane Isbister, whose son is in Grade 4 where he has two EAs and daily nursing in what she said is a "good class environment," said that during strike days she has been lucky to have access to respite workers who are supply EAs, though it's costly.

In January, the Ford government announced it will offer parents with children in junior kindergarten to Grade 7 or children with special needs up to Grade 12 or age 21, compensation between \$25 and \$60 per day on strike days in which schools are closed.

"It's expensive as we pay a fair wage for a child with [his] needs, so the stipend from

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Teachers across this province have no choice but to fight for their students.

— KAREN BRATINA

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the government covers a fraction of what's needed – \$130 for a day, plus the flexibility to work from home to do the nursing tasks related to meds and g-tube feeding," said Isbister.

She said the strike action means that her family has run out of special services at home funding, which helps families caring for a child with a developmental or physical disability, until April, and has been challenging to manage around both local and out-of-town doctor appointments as "another layer of logistics on the plate." "And I 100 per cent support the issues around special education inclusion resources," she said. "The miracle of public education requires the people resources to make education accessible to all."

Isbister said that without the right respite support, she and her co-parent would be taking vacation or a leave. Despite these challenges, she supports what the teachers are fighting for.

"Support in classes," she reiterated. "I'd keep this up for a much longer time, and am trying to coordinate getting [my son] to the picket lines too."

Community impact

Local businesses who are open to students for elective and extracurricular activities and field trips have been affected as job action escalates.

"Despite significant effort put forth by teachers some public schools have not been allowed to move forward with trips to Wanakita this winter," said Cam Green, program manager of YMCA Wanakita. "Many of those schools have sought out alternative dates later in the year in the hopes that [a] resolution will be reached by then."

Chris Bishop at Sir Sam's Ski & Ride said that the resort is affected by schools not having an elective in place for skiing this year. In the past the Eagle Lake-based resort would have approximately 20 schools from within

a one- to two-hour driving radius visit mid-week, groups for approximately 20 days at 100 students per day, which he said represented about six per cent of the resort's total business. For resorts closer to the Greater Toronto Area and major populations, the percentage would make up 50 to 70 per cent of their total business, he said. Sir Sam's has offered a discounted rate to families to encourage them to visit still, and has extended that offer to strike days as well.

"We made the offer because we need to make up some lost revenue due to the fact that there are no school electives for skiing this year," he said. "We felt that some families would pull their kids out of school for the day and come as a family to enjoy a day on the slopes at an economical price that would be similar to what they would pay if they came with the school. Same scenario for strike days. ... We will not make up all the revenue lost to the strike actions but anything helps."

Bishop said without that business, the resort would have to look at reducing staff hours.

"The teacher/government issue is having a serious negative effect on the whole ski industry, many resorts are laying off staff and reducing their hours," he said. "I have talked to some resorts that state their business is down 40- 70 per cent."

Bratina said she was sorry to hear the job action had negatively affected some businesses. "The fault lies with this government, we can't accept the cuts to education," she said. "Teachers across this province have no choice but to fight for their students. I would ask these business owners to contact Laurie Scott or Doug Ford and demand that they invest in education and get back to the table to negotiate a fair deal for everyone."

Other Haliburton County-based businesses and enterprises have also offered "strike day" activities or events.

Several families took advantage of an Outdoor Fun Day event offered on one strike day by Medeba, which plans to offer more if need be.

"We have the facilities and the staff available and know that it is hard for parents to find ways to keep their children busy, especially for working parents," said Katie Stiver, office manager.

The Haliburton County Public Library offered a "pop-up mini maker" activity session in which kids and their families could make buttons or use 3D pens on Feb. 21 at the Minden library branch but otherwise the branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning said "programs are scheduled and budgeted for already and we don't have the capacity to run additional programs unfortunately."

"That said, we have still noticed it has been busier at many of our branches on strike days," said Kernohan-Berning. "The public library is one of the last spaces in society where people can go without the need for a transaction, where people are welcome to just be in the building whether reading, working, using the internet or socializing."

In Haliburton, Sharp Electric, Outdoors Plus, the Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teacher local, Assante Financial Management Ltd. and the Co-Operators Insurance have sponsored public skates at A.J. LaRue arena, while the outdoor rink at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre has reportedly been used more by families during strike days.

Further information regarding job action or potential agreements between education unions and the government will be published to the *Minden Times* Facebook page or included in upcoming issues of the paper.

Students discuss lessons learned in *Ghost Boys*

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Ghost Boys, a novel by Jewell Parker Rhodes that is loosely inspired by the story of 12-year-old Tamir Rice's fatal shooting in 2014, is creating an opportunity for thought-provoking discussions in Shannon Blanchard's Grade 7/8 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

The themes of the book: racism, honesty, prejudice, compassion, gun violence, bullying, remembering the past, justice, privilege, grief and friendship are resonating with the students.

"Great experience," said Blanchard of what it has been like introducing the book to the class this year. "Especially since the characters are the same age and [it] gives us a global experience to other parts of the world (cultures, areas of the U.S., etc.)."

Many of the students in Blanchard's class told the *Times* that they were skeptical the book would be interesting, but that they enjoyed both the story and the format in which it is told as they began studying it.

"When I first started reading the book, I wondered why they started with the death of the main character, but it made me want to read more at the same time," said Aiden Milley.

Aleyah McGovern said she has liked studying *Ghost Boys*, noting the story line is interesting and mysterious, and compelling to readers. She said the book gives students the opportunity to learn about what challenges people face in their lives.

"Some people have a worse life, and have to worry about bullying and racism and have to be more careful with what they do," she



Students in Shannon Blanchard's Grade 7/8 class are reading *Ghost Boys* and discussing the book's themes of racism, honesty, prejudice, compassion, gun violence, bullying, remembering the past, justice, privilege, grief and friendship. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

said in response to questions from the *Times*.

Maya Johnson said the book is sad but an important read that increased her empathy for others.

"This book makes me think about the fact that I don't have to worry about this on the daily," she said. "It's sad to think about the fact that black people have labels constantly on their backs. It doesn't matter how young or old, people just assume that black people are dangerous and don't have the same opportunities, let's say, as white people. It's re-

ally disappointing that black people have to have this stereotype constantly pulling them down and 'super glued' to them. Just because someone is black doesn't mean they deserve to be treated differently."

Andy Lippolis said he thought the book was an important one to read because of how it speaks to racism and real-life situations. "And we can really learn from this book because of these situations," he said.

He noted that the story differs from his own everyday life in Minden, where he said there

is less violence and bullying in comparison to Chicago where the main character is from. "In Chicago there is a lot of racism, and in Minden, most of us treat each other equally," he told the *Times*.

Ali Mantle said the book has helped raise awareness that "this is happening all around us."

"It has made me think about how lucky I am to not go through this every day," said Mantle. "It is really sad that this is happening to people my age all over the world. And [I] should also be more grateful for my family and life and home and everything I have."

Sofie Mills commented on the interesting cliffhangers in *Ghost Boys*, and speculated on later events in the book that the students haven't yet finished. She said she had learned important lessons about bullying, and the importance of confiding in trusted adults to stay safe, as well as in appreciating life.

"I think this book is important because racism is a rude thing and all black people should be treated the same as white," she told the *Times*. "I think my teacher picked this because there might be still people out there who don't treat black people the same as white and will bully them. They don't deserve that."

Nicole Lee said she had already thought of police brutality, especially toward black people, as being a problem noting that she had learned similar lessons through history lessons and other books.

"I still do think that it's all really important for people to learn about, and stop," she said. "I hope that us reading the book will help people learn these things."

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Shoreline tightrope

HALIBURTON COUNTY councillors are in the midst of making a decision wherein they're essentially tasked with weighing environmental benefits against economic ones, amid what for the county, is a backdrop of public pressure.

A few dozen representatives of the local construction industry attended a county committee-of-the-whole meeting earlier this month to hear a discussion regarding the creation of an enhanced shoreline protection bylaw. For anyone who's never attended a Haliburton County council meeting, most of the seats in the public gallery are empty most of the time, so that level of attendance indicates substantial public interest in something.

While Haliburton County has had a shoreline tree

preservation bylaw – restricting the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the high-water mark – since 2012, the new draft shoreline protection bylaw entails heightened protections including that of all vegetation within the same shoreline band, along with stricter regulating of site alterations and other restrictions.

The bylaw's impetus is the protection of lake health, working toward the goal of 75 per cent natural shoreline/shoreline containing native vegetative growth. That is the threshold that has been identified by the Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners' Associations required to ensure that lake health doesn't decline, and according to the CHA, currently, just less than half of the shoreline throughout Haliburton County is natural.

The CHA and its board chairman Paul MacInnes have done substantial

work regarding healthy shorelines during the past decade, MacInnes often attending council meetings around the county to sound the alarm about the dangers posed by declining lake health. Erosion, phosphorous loading, calcium depletion – all of these risk factors can be mitigated through the maintenance of natural shorelines, and the CHA has been advocating for the creation of such a bylaw the county has now created in draft form. Haliburton County's nearly 600 lakes are the foundation

of everything in the community, and should those lakes begin to die . . . well, the party is over.

Builders, meanwhile, are concerned the regulations laid out in the draft bylaw are too strict and that they will hurt business, including eliminating jobs, as well as make the county an undesirable location to

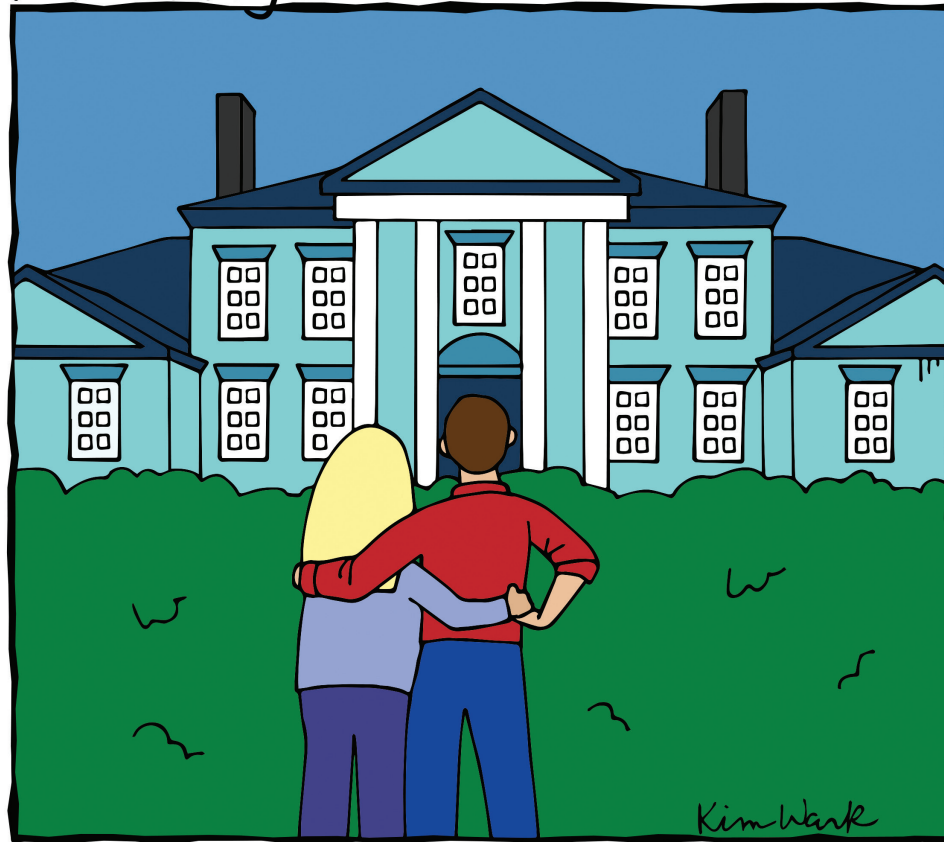
purchase a property.

"The concern with the draft, as with many things in life, is the fear of the unknown," Keith Thomas, Haliburton County Home Builders' Association president and owner of Francis Thomas Contracting Company Ltd, told the paper last week. "As the draft covers a broad spectrum of activities that would be limited within the defined shoreline, potential impacts could range from the loss of jobs to considerable fluctuations in realty markets."

Construction is the No. 1 employer in the county, which is one of the poorest communities in the province. The issue is a contentious one, leaving county councillors in the somewhat unenviable position of trying to take meaningful action to protect lake health without stifling the community's biggest and most important industry.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



"It's nice, but does it have a batcave?"

Maps

LAST NIGHT I got out my old box of maps. This is something I do every year around this time, partially in anticipation of spring and partially to see how far my vision has deteriorated.

I use those maps to plan hikes, turkey hunts and fishing expeditions for the upcoming seasons. Those maps also help me understand the lay of the land a little better, so when someone tells me about an incredible backwoods lake that holds brook trout the size of my arm, I can envision the country I'll get lost in trying to find it.

Paper maps are an old school thing these days, since younger outdoors enthusiasts tend to use the electronic maps on their phones, computers or handheld GPS units. Or worse still, they ask for directions.

But, if you ask me, there is still something to be said for paper maps.

Let's begin with the obvious. Electronic units sometimes lose their power or break down – or, for those of us over 55 become "completely stupid, useless and \$#!* dumb!"

At times like these, a good waterproof paper map and a reliable compass suddenly become your best friends – unless it is an exceptionally windy day.

That is to say, paper maps have certain advantages.

For instance, a good topographic map shows you a wide swath of countryside at a glance. That means you don't have to scroll up or down, left or right or zoom out on your phone to see that the road you parked your car on is 200 metres away. Map use also saves you from overexerting your thumb as you would on a phone or GPS. That is a debilitating injury that can be life threatening in this day and age, especially

if it prohibits you from texting your better half to explain why you are going to be late for dinner or stops you from fact-checking every little thing on Google. Also, a severe thumb injury can impede your hitchhiking efforts, which means you will have to walk back to your vehicle. And nobody wants that.

Another benefit of paper maps that seems to be forgotten these days is that they are, and have always been, the professional pirate's choice when it comes to marking the secret location of buried treasure.

Look, I have been using various models of handheld and phone GPS units for the last 20 years or more and not once have I ever noted an X on any of the on-screen maps to indicate where a secret buried treasure is located. I thought I did once, but it was merely a squished black fly.

Yet, a few summers ago I located two Xs on a paper map, denoting where buried treasures

were supposed to be. Funny thing, both of those Xs were in our yard.

Actually, to be completely honest, my spouse noticed them first and promptly alerted me. And while I did not find a buried treasure in either location, she soon noticed both holes I dug were in the perfect location and distance apart to plant the posts she happened to have on hand. I'm not sure a clothesline was in Captain Blackbeard's original plan but at least we got something for my efforts.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that outdoorsmen have been relying on maps in one form or another for at least as long as clotheslines have been around. Also, though GPS and cellphone maps are usually reliable, sometimes they can let you down – just like those \$#!* pirates!

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Fox for the 'fiver'

I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PERSON to put on future \$5 bills than Terry Fox, the most inspirational Canadian of the last half century.

The Bank of Canada is redesigning the banknote, sometimes called a "fin" or a "fiver," and has invited nominations from the public on whose picture should appear on the front of the new bill. Nominations close March 11.

Port Coquitlam, B.C., Terry Fox's hometown, has mounted a full-out campaign urging people across the country to nominate their most famous citizen.

"Terry has just an amazing legacy, not only here in his hometown of Port Coquitlam, not only in British Columbia, not only in Canada, but around the world," says the city's Mayor Brad West. "He has inspired, and he continues to inspire, millions of people."



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From Shaman's Rock

Terry Fox was an athletic teenager in 1977 when he was diagnosed with cancer in his right leg. The leg was amputated but he continued long-distance running on a prosthetic leg.

After the amputation and 16 months of chemotherapy Fox concluded that his life had been saved by medical advances and decided to raise money for more research and to help other cancer patients have hope and courage.

In the spring of 1980, he began a Marathon of Hope in which he planned to raise money by running across Canada from St. John's, Nfld., to Vancouver. He ran for 143 days, covering 5,373 kilometres before having to give up when the cancer returned, this time to his lungs.

Forty years later, many people, me included, continue to be powerfully impressed by the courage and selflessness of Terry Fox.

He is a true hero in my eyes and my memories of him have been little dimmed by the passage of four decades. One reason they remain so bright and clear perhaps is because our lives intersected at several points.

In 1980 I was a journalist working for The Canadian Press news agency in Vancouver and news of Fox's Marathon of Hope was a story of great interest. When he dipped his leg into the Atlantic Ocean at St. John's we journalists in Vancouver began thinking about news coverage plans for when he got close to home.

Fox was well into Northern Ontario in August when I got news that my mother was ill in Sault Ste. Marie. I went there to be with her.

She died and I was in charge of carrying out her last wishes, including bringing her body to Thunder Bay to be buried with my father. Crazy as it sounds, that included written instructions to have her body driven from the Soo to Thunder Bay because she had a lifelong terror of airplanes.

I could not ignore her wishes and her body was driven around Lake Superior, passing Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope along the way.

In Thunder Bay, I stood on the steps of the funeral home waiting for visitors to arrive for my mother's wake when I saw flashing red lights down the street. They were at St. Joseph's Hospital, a place I knew well because I was born there and my father died there.

A passerby informed me that Terry Fox had just been brought into the hospital. I started running towards the hospital until I realized that being at my mother's funeral was more important than covering a story, as big a story as it appeared to be.

Terry was brought back home for hospitalization and treatment. Nine and a half months later, on June 19, 1981, I found myself at a New Westminster, B.C. hospital with Leslie Shepherd, one of the finest journalists I have worked with. There at 4:30 a.m. we flashed the news that Terry Fox had died.

It was an incredibly sad event, even for journalists used to covering sad things. But with the sadness came the realization this was not just another passing story. It was a story that would live and inspire for decades.

It has and I hope it will continue to live and inspire with Terry Fox's face on the \$5 bill.

Also, putting Fox on the fiver would be a tribute to young Canadians, whose talents and achievements are not often recognized enough.

letters to the editor

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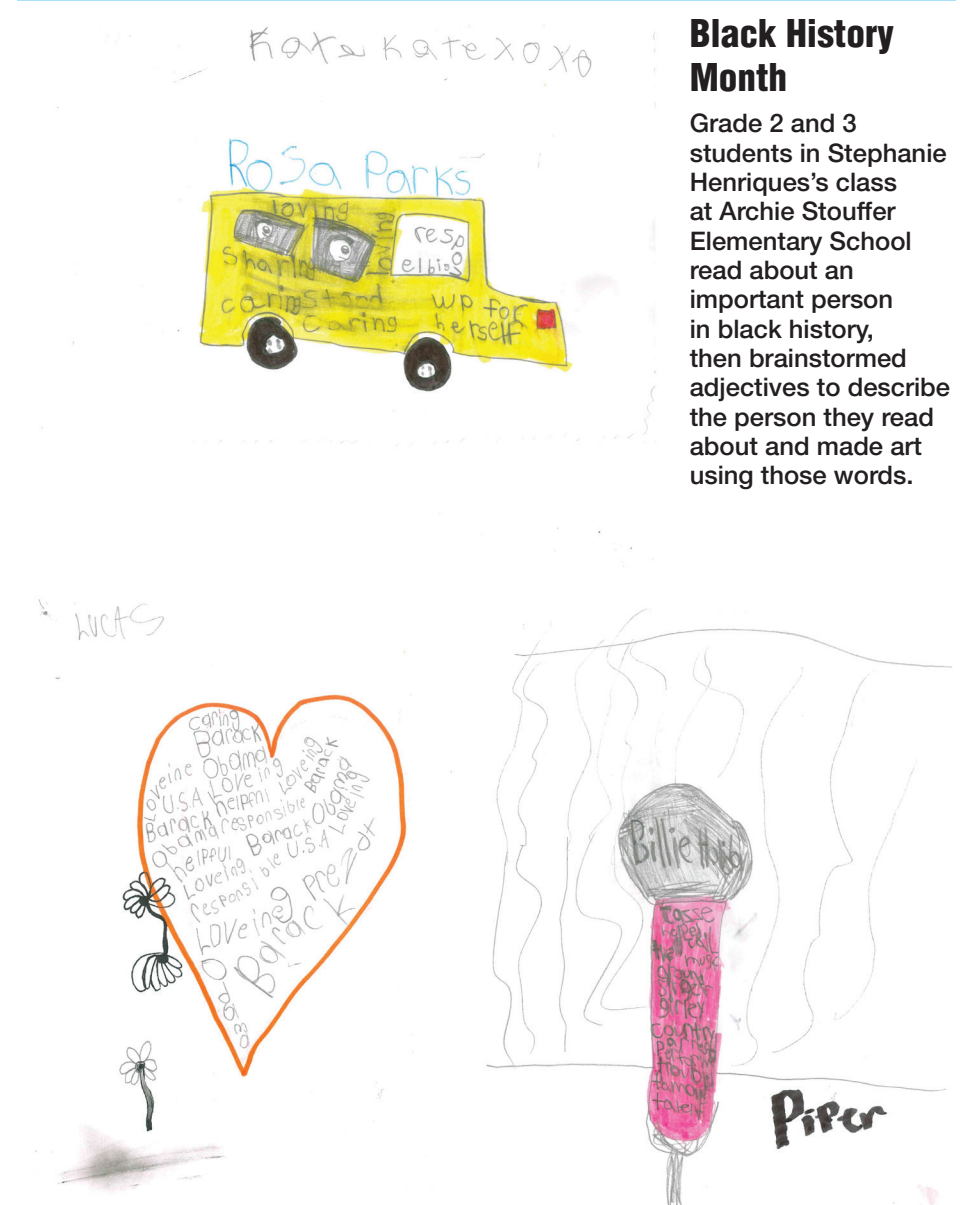
*Great news about the town
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*The paper comes on Wednesday
One of the best I can say.*

Beth McWatters

Black History Month

Grade 2 and 3 students in Stephanie Henriques's class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School read about an important person in black history, then brainstormed adjectives to describe the person they read about and made art using those words.



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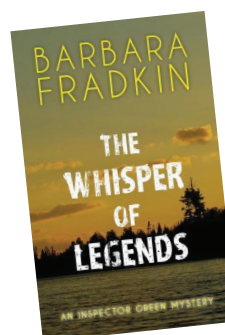
The Whisper of Legends by Barbara Fradkin

When Inspector Michael Green's teenage daughter goes missing on a canoe trip, he isn't sure what to think. The local RCMP are of little assistance. Desperate, Green enlists the help of his long-time friend, Staff Sergeant Brian Sullivan, to accompany him to the Northwest Territories to search for her.

Green soon discovers his daughter's trip was not organized by a reputable tour company, but instead by her new boyfriend, Scott. When clues about Scott's past come to light, and terrifyingly, when the body of one of Scott's group turns up at the bottom of a cliff, Green begins to realize there is much more at stake.

Marilyn Says: I love Canadian stories by Canadian authors, so when this book was donated to the library, I had to read it. The cover art was beautiful, and I loved the Canadian setting.

Rating: 10/10



Town hall seeks input on destination development in Haliburton Highlands

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Anyone with an interest in the county's tourism activities may wish to attend a town hall meeting at the Haliburton Legion on the evening of Tuesday, March 3.

The County of Haliburton has hired tourism marketing firm MMGY NextFactor to compile the plan, designed to help further map the sustainable development of the Haliburton Highlands as a tourist destination.

"The destination development plan is a continuation of the stakeholder survey and workshop conducted in spring 2019 by MMGY NextFactor," county director Amanda Virtanen told the *Times*. "They will take all of that input from last year, and couple it with the information they are gathering now via a series of 1:1 sessions, focus groups and a town hall. It's so important for as much of the community to weigh in as possible – not just tourism-related businesses – as this plan will help shape the future of the Haliburton Highlands as a whole. While the County of Haliburton is 'hosting' this process, our hope is that the entire community feels a sense of ownership of this plan. We are fortunate to be working with an independent party in the formation of the plan and feel that provides

an unbiased approach for many voices to be heard."

The town hall meeting, open to all members of the public, will take place at the Haliburton Legion at 719 Mountain Street in Haliburton Village on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

In addition to the town hall meeting, a series of focus groups aimed at particular groups will also take place on March 3 and March 4. These sessions will also take place at the Haliburton Legion, and it's asked that those wishing to attend preregister.

A focus group meeting for accommodators and restaurateurs to provide input will take place on March 3 at 1 p.m. and registration can be done at www.eventbrite.ca/e/94655305567.

A focus group session for tour operators and experience providers will be held on March 4 at 9 a.m. and can be registered for by visiting www.eventbrite.ca/e/94657971541.

A session intended for community leaders will also take place on March 4 at noon and can be registered for at www.eventbrite.ca/e/94658539239.

Another focus group session, designed to attain input from lake and cottage associations, will take place March 4 at 3 p.m. and registration is available at www.eventbrite.ca/e/94658924391.

The destination development plan, a \$60,000 project for the county, is expected to be finalized by the summer.



Group brainstorms potential future arts centre

On Feb. 19, the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation hosted a consultation on options for developing a new arts facility in Haliburton County. The event was facilitated by U-Links and attended by community stakeholders and Fleming Advanced Environmental Planning Case Studies students, who are undertaking research for the HHACF.

Above, event organizers Dan Manley, HHACF chairman and Wil Andrea, secretary./Submitted



Ken Loney and Jack Brezina participate in a creative exercise.



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Building an arena

Workers pour concrete over refrigerant pipes to form the slab for the ice surface at the new Minden Hills arena on Wednesday, Feb. 19. The nearly \$13-million project, which features an NHL-sized ice rink, is on track to be completed this spring.

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Workers pour concrete over refrigerant pipes to form the slab.

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Volunteer Linda Code shows off a meal created by her son-in-law John Faria with help from his mother, Rosalina, for a Portuguese-themed community dinner held in Irondale on Feb. 22.

Guests joined for the three-course feast.



A Portuguese-themed community dinner held in Irondale on Feb. 22 included potato soup with greens, roast chicken, Portuguese sausage and biscuit cake. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Below, bolo de balacha, a type of biscuit cake, was served.



Irondale gets a taste of Portugal

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The warm smells of a feast greeted visitors to the Irondale Community Centre before they even stepped through the doors on Feb. 22 for a three-course authentic Portuguese dinner served as a fundraiser for Bark Lake Cultural Developments to help preserve the town of Irondale's history.

The menu included *caldo verde*, a type of potato-base soup with greens, *piri piri assado combattos*, roast chicken with roasted potatoes and Portuguese sausage, alongside rice, salad, homemade bread, and served before *bolo de balacha*, a biscuit cake, much of it prepared by John Faria, who moved to the area about a year ago.

"His mom and dad came from Portugal," said Linda Code, a volunteer that evening and Faria's mother-in-law. "His mom is a very good cook. When I asked him about

cooking for this dinner, John loves to cook. Doesn't matter what it is. Doesn't have to be Portuguese. He just loves to cook anything. He said, 'well, I have to talk to my mom.' So there's been a lot of calling back and forth."

Rosalina Faria, who now lives in Oshawa, was raised on a farm in Portugal where as a young girl, Code said she would be asked to find the free-range chickens in the yard to collect their eggs before they were lost.

Dinners have also been hosted in the community that celebrated Italian food, and the food from each Canadian province during Canada 150 celebrations. A Fish 'n' Fowl Feast will be hosted in Gooderham at the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre on April 18, a Wild Game Dinner at the Gooderham community centre on July 18 and a November dinner on Nov. 7 with a theme yet to be announced. For more information visit irondaleontario.ca.



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Seniors find friendship in Family Roots project

by JENN WATT
Editor

Jackie Metcalf stood in front of the audience at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Wednesday evening, beaming, as she held up a thick binder of papers.

"This is full," she said, holding it up so those in the back could see. "This is full with all the wonderful things she's helped me get and I'm just so delighted."

Metcalf was referring to her research partner, Maureen Blakelock, who was partnered with her through the Family Roots pilot project run for 12 months by SIRCH Community Services. The project paired volunteers trained in ancestry research with seniors in the community.

Together, they would research the senior's family history together over the course of many sessions.

As the project's co-ordinator Donna Gagnon pointed out, Family Roots was about more than finding long lost ancestors, it also reduced social isolation and loneliness.

"We did the connecting through family research, through genealogy," she said.

Metcalf said that she had found a new friend in Blakelock and that the time spent looking into her mother's side of the family had revealed details about her grandfather Simpson that she never knew. It also brought back fond memories.

"I enjoyed, honestly, every minute we were together for those 10 sessions because three or four hours would go by and we'd certainly say, 'what time is it?'" she said.

Some of the research revealed parts of the family tree previously unknown. For project partners Deborah Ouellette and Joan McDonald, research unveiled that McDonald, 98, had three half-siblings she never knew about.

"Unfortunately, those three children were placed in a Catholic orphanage, Joan was unaware that she had half-siblings before we started this journey," Ouellette said.

Her presentation on McDonald's life included many other points of interest: McDonald's father served in the First World War, as did her uncle, who died in the conflict. In the early 1920s, her father went bankrupt, losing the bakery he had established in Winnipeg. Once she became an adult, McDonald moved to Ontario to attend university.

Though she served as a deaconess for the Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, McDonald had to give up that job following her marriage to Dick McDonald in 1955. "Because the church did not allow a woman to stay on as a deacon when they got married, she was defrocked," Ouellette said.

The couple had two children and Joan eventually became a teacher.



Ellie MacNeil and Carol Simmons check out some of the documents unearthed in the Family Roots project run by SIRCH Community Services during a reveal night at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Feb. 19. /JENN WATT Staff

Another surprising discovery came when volunteer Sharon Foster and participant Chuck Viner decided to go beyond the scope of the project and submit their DNA for analysis.

"We were looking online at the DNA connections that we had and I can't even begin to tell you how shocked and surprised I was to discover that we're actually distant cousins," Foster said. "Where this connection is, is obviously going back seven or eight generations. ... I'm getting shivers down my back just talking about it because what were the odds of us being matched?"

Foster and Viner said during their weeks of working together they developed a rap-

port and now consider themselves "lifelong friends."

For Family Roots participant Ellie MacNeil, the project offered her new skills for doing her genealogy research and volunteer Carol Simmons helped her track down books that chronicled the history of her ancestors.

MacNeil, who grew up near Cobocok, was able to trace nine generations of her ancestors, the Orvis family, who travelled from the United States to Canada in the 1820s. The details of their journey amazed those in the room.

"They headed north, they took with them one horse team, one yoke of oxen, and household goods and family members. They crossed

at Prescott. From Ferrisburgh [Vermont] to Prescott [Ontario], that's 164 miles. From Prescott to Pickering's 199 miles. About 360 miles they travelled in five and a half days. That averages 48 miles a day," MacNeil said.

"Three days after they arrived in Pickering, she [Sarah Orvis] had her third child. These Quakers are tough people." Sarah would end up having 18 children during her life.

Family Roots also made connections with residents at Extendicare in Haliburton, where volunteers would visit and work to track down ancestors. David McGill was paired with Mike Sisson and spoke highly of the experience.

"Here was a chance to do something I like to do with people who need some connection to the outside world ... Then I met Mike. He really is a neat guy. ... He could take me back to his great-great-grandparents. He has that kind of memory," he said.

Together they traced Sisson's relatives back to 1871, when a father, five sons and a daughter left England, settling in the Manvers, Ont. area.

McGill said he and Sisson intended to continue with their work beyond the project.

Gagnon spent time with another Extendicare resident, Maria Basciano, 95, who speaks primarily Italian and French. With the help of her family members, Basciano was able to participate in Family Roots, Gagnon explained.

Basciano was raised by her maternal aunt following the death of her parents.

"During our time together at Extendicare, Maria spoke often of how hard life was in Italy in the 1930s and 1940s. She worked in a factory and there was often not enough food to eat," Gagnon said.

Following the end of the Second World War, Maria and her husband settled in Scarborough.

"We were able to do a virtual drive one day using Google Maps through the village of Pont Canavese [Italy]," Gagnon said, adding it looks a bit like Haliburton.

Gagnon said she thought even though the project was over, volunteers would continue visiting the long-term care home. "Even though these people are together in a facility, they can still be very lonely," she said.

She thanked Nancy Brownsberger of Community Support Services, Tina Jackson from the Heat Bank, Margery Cartwright of the Aging Well Committee and Nancy Baker from the Family History Library in Cardiff for their help during the training portion of the program. She also thanked program partners Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54. SIRCH Family Roots was funded by a grant from Canada's New Horizons for Seniors.



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The Times sports

Hawks enter Kawartha Championships

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A 4-2 loss to end the regular season against the AAA St. Peter Catholic Secondary School is a lesson the Hawks won't soon forget

Coach Jason Morissette said the team will use the loss for a strong push in the coming post-season, as they returned to form executing the team's style of play against the best team in the Kawartha High School Hockey League.

His message to the team after the game was a reminder about the importance of following through with their system of play.

"Today, we were kind of back to playing, I think, the system that will help us have success. That's really it. It's a positive game and again we got to play so that's at least another thing, right?" he said.

In the team's previous game when they lost to Holy Cross, it was evident to Morissette that the team got away from executing their system of play, which was a major factor in the loss.

"So, I think we're in good shape if the guys take this mentally forward and think positive. Like I said, we're 2-2 with a AAA school that's got lots and lots of players at their school with an excellent program and I think at the end we just ran out of gas [and started] making some mental mistakes, they capitalized and there's a reason why they're tearing up the league," he said.

He said the Saints are the team to beat.

Losing by two goals to the undefeated Saints was better than the rest of the league, Morissette said.

"That team hasn't lost all year ... The single A schools, a lot of the scores have been like 10-1. They've been beating most single A schools by like five goals so I think we did great today. We definitely ran out of gas, but when you look skater for skater they had a whole squad of very good skaters. They all could skate really well. They're all smooth skaters," he said. "At the end, any defensive things in our own end, we were making mistakes at the end that's when they got those two goals."

The Hawks were actually leading 2-0 in the



Red Hawks forward Lucas Haedicke moves the puck into the offensive zone during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Feb 19 in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 4-2 to the Saints with goals from Reese Casey and Haedicke. They were awarded a bye to the Kawartha Championship playoff tournament when Campbellford was unable to have a full team for the one-game playoff, originally scheduled for this week./DARREN LUM Staff

first period before the Saints answered with a pair of their own in the same frame. The home team supporters were rewarded for their attendance with a strong and competitive game. It wasn't until the final minutes of the game when the Hawks surrendered the lead and the Saints added an insurance marker to finish the game. It was clear the Hawks were tired.

A pair of five-on-three powerplays midway through the game came up empty due in part to missing Hawks sniper and the team's leading goal scorer Braeden Robinson, who received a slash in the first period and did not return.

"We were on the powerplay. He beat a guy. Made a move and the guy slashed him real hard," he said. "He's been doing really well

on our powerplay. We'll wait and see. Cross our fingers, but he's a key part of our [team]."

Robinson, who is expected to get X-rays, is also one of the leaders, as assistant captain and a senior on the team. The hope is to have him back. Before he was injured, he had hit a pair of cross bars.

Morissette has an appreciation for all of his players.

Many of them have never played this high of a level of hockey before. Some have never even played contact hockey before this season, he said.

"This is an extreme jump for them. Some of them have not learned about even simple systems about how to play and how to get out of your own end. In terms of high school hockey for me it is the largest learning curve

I have ever experienced as a coach. It's been fun in a way. It's not like I can look at these guys and say, 'You already know this.' Some of them just don't know," he said.

He said the players have been open to learning and have adapted to the quicker pace and the sophistication of play. Missing the opportunity to play two games, which were cancelled due to scheduling issues as a result of the labour dispute, he said, really hindered the team's development and took away what could have been momentum builders – he believed the Red Hawks had great potential to beat both teams.

Morissette commended his rookie goalie Darian Maddock, a Grade 10 student, who got the start against the Saints.

"I thought he played really well. I really didn't see a bad goal. All four goals were all defensive breakdowns so it wasn't on the goalie," he said.

Maddock appreciated the opportunity to start and to play in front of family and friends.

"I knew these guys were one of the top ranked teams in the league and I just wanted to play my best and kind of get the team and crowd into it," he said.

On the whole, he said, he played well, even if there were a few areas he'd like to improve.

He said the team has the potential to advance past the Kawartha regional championship tournament as long as the team can execute their systems.

"When we do that we can compete with the best teams," he said.

The Highland Storm rep midget goalie said the Saints are the toughest test he has faced all year.

Playoffs update

A day after the Hawks' loss to the Saints, Morissette contacted media, announcing the team finished fourth out of the nine AA schools in Kawartha. The Hawks earned a bye to the Kawartha Championship tournament on March 3 because the Flames of Campbellford were not able "to field a team for the playoff game this week."

He added the team is looking forward to being able to compete in the championships and will prepare with a pair of practices.

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The balance beam

MY FAVOURITE PIECE of exercise equipment these days is a beam. The one I have is a steel pipe that has a diameter of two inches and it measures just less than three feet long (I know I should be using metric – oops). It has a couple of moulded rubber feet that keeps it from rolling away. Nick St. Louis, a physiotherapist from Ottawa, invented it. He is also the founder of the Foot Collective.

Nick's passion is foot health. I've met him a couple of times and taken a six-hour seminar that he instructed. I love the logic he uses when he's talking about health.

The foot is our foundation. If we take care of our feet by moving them in every direction they can move, the result is the rest of our body benefits. The first place to start is to get barefoot as much as we possibly can. The second part is to stand on something barefoot that we never stand on. That's where the beam comes in.

The story is that Nick found himself balancing on railings every chance he got. He then realized he could create a smaller and portable version of the railing and the Foot Collective Beam was born.

There is really no magic to the Foot Collective Beam. The magic is in being barefoot and having to balance to stay on a narrow piece of something. A two-by-four works as well. The beauty of having something round is that it challenges your foot to grip the surface more. That wakes up the muscles, ligaments and tendons in your foot. In fact, it can be painful to start but it doesn't take long to work out the kinks.

There are two major benefits of walking along a beam of some kind. The first is that your body has to problem solve in order to

keep you standing on it. Everything between the sole of your foot and the top of your head has to stack up to maintain balance. The second benefit is that there is no way to think about anything else while you're attempting to stay upright. It's a moving meditation.

There are a number of movements that can be done on a beam. Here are some challenges for you if you decide to drag a two-by-four out of the corner of the garage:

- Walk slowly along the length of the beam – like being on a tightrope.
- Stand on your right foot only and hold it as long as possible. Then try your left.
- Stand with both feet across the beam and hold that position as long as you can. You'll find you

have to be on the balls of your feet, and keep your knees bent. It's like surfing (not that I've ever surfed before).

- Stand on the beam with one foot in front of the other, again like you're on a tightrope, but don't move your feet. Hold that as long as you can, and then switch up which foot is forward and which is behind.

These are a few ideas to get you started but the challenges are unlimited. I've seen videos of people doing squats and lunges. I've even seen jumps done from one beam to another – but let's leave that one for another day.

Something to think about.

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Red Hawks boys' curling team three-peats as Kawartha Champs

Seven curling teams entered the Kawartha High School Curling Championships in Omemee held from Feb. 18 to 19, but the Red Hawks boys' curling team left as the best of the field, dominating their opponents in the final on Feb. 19.

The win came only two days after winning the provincial championship title in the Ontario School Provincial Curling Championship, which included a long round trip drive to and back from Chatham. The Hawks entered play as the defending Kawartha champions and received a bye into the semi-finals on Tuesday.

The weary Red Hawks team of skip Jacob Dobson, vice Liam Little, second Corin Gervais, and lead Owen Nicholls dug deep and defeated LCVI 7-4 in eight ends, earning a trip to the Kawartha finals.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the boys won the championship final against I.E. Weldon, 7-2 when their opponents conceded after six ends.

This is the third Kawartha championship title win for Dobson and Little, and the second win for Gervais. The team, which is coached by Darrell Dobson, Hugh Nichol, and Russ Duhaime, will now represent Kawartha at Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association regional championship scheduled for March 9. The second place finishing St. Peter Saints boys' curling team has also advanced to COSSA.

COSSA was originally scheduled to be at the Haliburton Curling Club, but due to the TLDSB policy that teachers are not currently able to supervise extracurricular activities during the school day, the event will be instead hosted by St. Thomas in Lindsay.

The Hawks were able to attend the Kawartha championship because retired teacher Melissa Stephens was willing and able to chaperone and coach.

Information provided by Darrell Dobson

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Epic battle ends with a loss for Hawks

The season may have ended with a playoff loss for the Red Hawks girls' senior volleyball team, but not without an epic battle during the first round of the Kawartha championship playoffs.

Down two sets in the best of five match against the Kenner Rams, the Hawks found

their game, pushing the match to the fifth set with two straight wins. Although the team eventually lost the match with a 15-8 in the deciding set, losing 3-2, the team's coaches Steve Smith and Michelle Backus were proud of the team.

- Staff



Bowling Scores

Monday, Feb. 17

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 221

Men – Rick West – 219

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 303

High Single Hcp – Cathy Snell – 307

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 757

High Triple Hcp – Cathy Snell – 769

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Gary Hunt – 309

High Single Hcp – Gary Hunt – 334

High Triple – Gary Hunt – 731

High Triple Hcp – Gary Hunt – 806

Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Men

High Average	Claude Cote	196
High Single	Dave Tipton	241
High Single H/C	Al Humphries	285
High Triple	John Pugh	616

High Triple H/C John Pugh 724

Women

High Average Chris Cote 182

High Single Rae Shephard 213

High Single H/C Rae Shephard 267

High Triple Mabel Clendenning 506

High Triple H/C Rae Shephard 661

Thursday Feb. 20

Ladies:

High Average: Nancy Charlton 190

High Single: Edith Shirran 203

High Single w/hdcp: Edith Shirran 257

High Triple: Edith Shirran 498

High Triple w/hdcp: Loretto Cummings 714

Men:

High Average: Doug Reinwald 192

High Single: Doug Reinwald 243

High Single w/hdcp: Doug Reinwald 270

High Triple: Doug Reinwald 634

High Triple w/hdcp: Ray Lymer 731

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Answers on page 14

UPCOMING
**Community
Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Food Handler Course
When: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 310) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$40/person. To register, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Ripopée by L'Aubergine
When: Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Road 21, Haliburton
What: Join four hilarious clowns on their whimsical – and sometimes chaotic – journey. A pure delight for all ages. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

Lenten Lunch
When: March 4
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

World Day of Prayer: an ecumenical service
When: Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and a short film to follow. Wheelchair accessible.

Gord Kidd & Friend: Brad Sales
When: Saturday, March 7, 2020, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12-2pm
Meat Draw at 1:00 pm

For the Love of our Land – Stories of Conservation
When: Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Hear conservation stories from Peter Dahl, Margaret and Leo Dobrzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two families have donated their properties to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

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The workshop led by Norm Rondeau had 22 participants, with each family producing one bird box. The workshop was organized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Their next offering is “For the Love of our Land: Stories of Conservation” on Wednesday, March 11 at the fish hatchery, located at 6712 Gelert Road in Haliburton. See www.yoursoutdoors.ca for more information and to register. /DARREN LUM Staff

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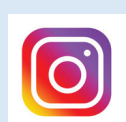
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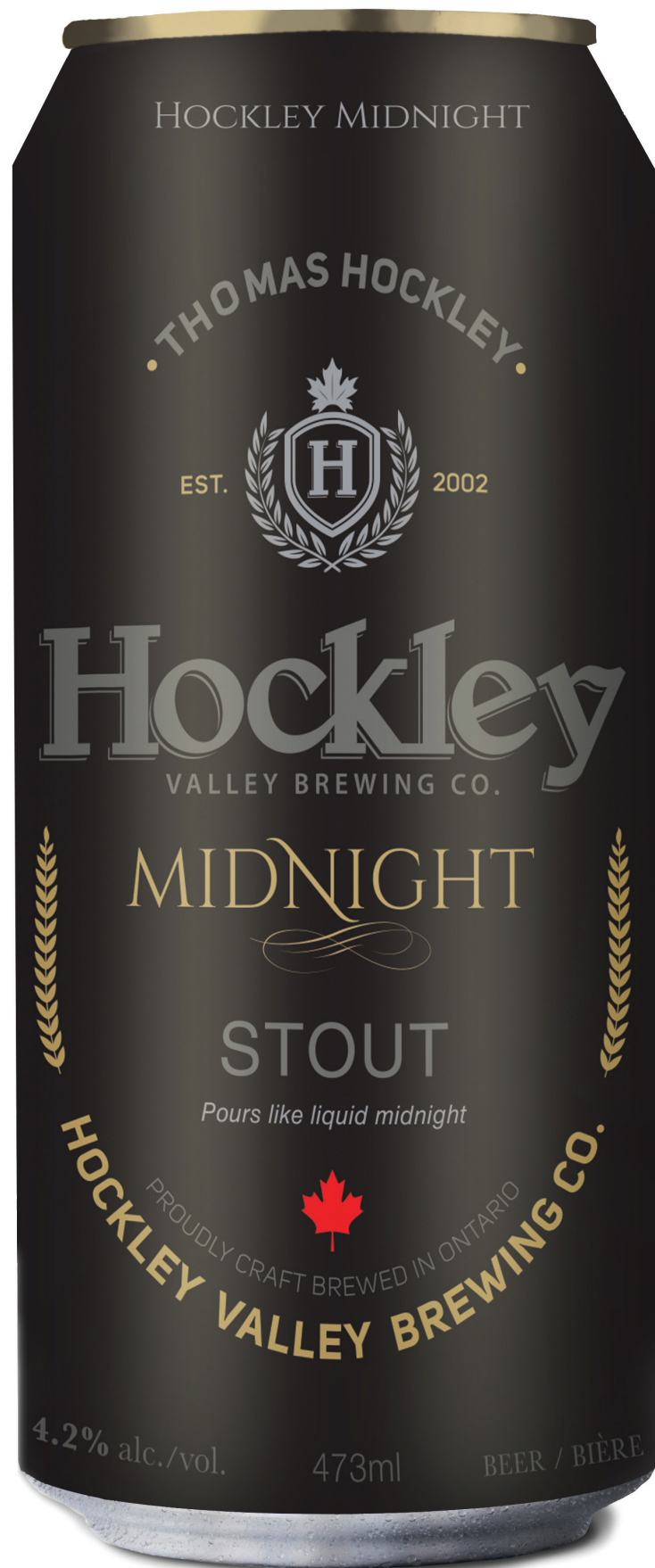
Of Lindsay Ontario left us on February 22, 2020 at the age of 90 after 70 wonderful years of marriage to her loving husband Stan.

Marion was a talented watercolour artist who inspired countless others to dabble happily through her passion for painting and supportive instruction. Marion pioneered the Minden/Haliburton Studio tour which continued long after Marion and Stanley moved to Lindsay. Marion was also an avid cyclist and gardener and she also loved to travel the world with Stanley. Marion was still pedaling happily through the countryside until just prior to her 90th birthday in September. Marion was predeceased 14 days by her husband Stanley. Marion is sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family; children Doug (Kate), Lynda (Lou), Kenneth (Heather), grandchildren Amanda (Brent), Angela, Chantell, Cody (Page), Livio and great grandchildren Adia, Adelyn, Harrison and Keith.

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County taxes up only 1.3 per cent

With a municipal election just eight months away, Haliburton County Council has approved a 1988 budget which will come as good news to most tax payers.

The county's management committee met on March 6 to iron out the final details of this year's budget to be presented at last Wednesday's council meeting. And after last

year's enormous tax hike, the committee was holding a tight line this year in approving an increase of just 1.27 per cent.

"I don't think this will be bad news for taxpayers,"

said management committee chairman Murray Fearrey in presenting the new budget Wednesday. He said the committee tried to hold departmental increases to a maximum of

4.6 per cent, which he said represents the current rate of inflation.

The budget for the previous year had

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Budget highlights

While most departments are experiencing little or no change with the passing of Haliburton County's 1988 budget, Management Committee Chairman Murray Fearrey highlighted a few of the areas where significant change will occur. Some of these areas are as follows:

Environment

At the inaugural meeting of council, a pledge was made for increased attention to environmental concerns. This is reflected in the new budget for committee meetings, which has been increased to \$20,000 for 1988. The previous budget for committee meetings was set at \$15,500, although the actual spending for this was almost \$19,000 last year.

Advertising

The county's budget for advertising increased dramatically this year, largely due to plans to purchase 2,500 county pins. The advertising budget is set at \$5,250, compared to only \$675 last year. Actual spending for advertising in 1987 more than doubled the budgeted amount, though.

Building

Repairs and maintenance to the county building totalled more than \$31,000 last year, and council is setting aside even more for 1988. This year, council has approved a budget of \$49,500 for repairs and maintenance, most of which will take place at the registry office.

Railway

The greatest departmental increase is in the budget for recreation and cultural services. This increase from \$30,000 to \$74,000 is largely due to the purchase of the

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County to address reduction of seats

The smaller Haliburton County municipalities could be facing amalgamation with their neighbours, should county council decide a restructuring is necessary.

At last Wednesday's meeting, a notice of motion was introduced, telling county council members that this matter will be raised at the May meeting. The motion to be addressed in May, as proposed by Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe, would see the county restructured into five municipalities, replacing the present nine.

Commenting on the notice of motion, Howe urged his fellow council members not to overreact. He said the restructuring would not create a form of regional government, but make a stronger county government.

Howe urged the county council members to bring this issue up for discussion with their municipal councils. He also hopes the municipalities will pass a resolution either supporting or rejecting the move. He said it is important to know what the whole council thinks about this, rather than just the heads of council.

The notice of motion was made Wednesday to provide council members to months to consider the merits and drawbacks and be prepared for serious discussion in May.

The idea to streamline the county stems from one of the recommendations

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There was plenty of action at the Minden Library last week as youngsters turned out to sing and dance with entertainer Alex Sinclair. The entertaining afternoon was put on by the library and the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the students who didn't escape to warmer climes for the March school break.

HHSS band off to Nationals

An outstanding performance in the regional stage band festival in Bracebridge has earned the HHSS Senior Stage Band the opportunity to compete on the national level in Calgary in May.

The regional festival was held on February 26, but the band did not learn of its results until last week. The

band has qualified to compete in the gold level at the National Stage Band Festival on May 18 to 22.

Band Director Rick Vaughan received the good news early last week. Although the students were off for March break, a special meeting was held of the band executive to make plans for the trip.

In order to compete in Calgary, the band will have to raise more than \$14,000. To do this, they will be approaching local businesses, service clubs and the board of education for contributions.

The National Stage Band Festival is an annual event, held in a new location each year. The top

high school bands from across Canada will be competing at various skill levels, ranging from bronze to gold. The HHSS band will compete at the gold level, which places them among the very best in the country.

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